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Honorable Sam Blakeslee
State Capitol, Room 6011
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1632 (Blakeslee) Support

Dear Assembly member Blakeslee:

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates supports your AB 1632, which would authorize studies of the potential impacts to California of a major disruption at a large nuclear power plant and of the potential costs and impacts to California of long-term storage of high level nuclear waste at the nuclear plant sites.

Almost 20% of the electricity used in California comes from just three nuclear power plants. It is important that the ramifications of a disruption at one of these facilities are known and can be planned for.

Due to repeated delays in the development of a Federal nuclear waste repository, facilities have been developed at the Diablo Canyon and San Onofre power plants for the "interim" storage of spent nuclear fuel. However, it is unclear when, if ever, a final repository for the fuel will be available. Therefore, it is worthwhile to evaluate what the potential impacts to California will be if the spent fuel continues to be stored on site for a prolonged period of time, rather than the "interim" period currently envisioned.

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates supports AB 1632 efforts and looks forward to working with you to pass this important legislation.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please call Matthew Marcus our Legislative Director at (916) 327-3455 or me at (415) 703-2544.

Sincerely,

Dana S. Appling, Director
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